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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

(HONORABLE JANIS L. SAMMARTINO)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) Criminal No. 08CR2108-JLS
Plaintiff,)
) Date: August 8, 2008
v.) Time: 1:30 p.m.
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EDUARDO LEDEZMA-LARA,) NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND MOTIONS TO:
Defendant.) 1) COMPEL DISCOVERY AND PRESERVE
) EVIDENCE; AND
) 2) GRANT LEAVE TO FILE FURTHER
) MOTIONS
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TO: KAREN P. HEWITT, UNITED STATES ATTORNEY; AND PAUL COOK, ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY;

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on August 8, 2008, at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, the accused, EDUARDO LEDEZMA-LARA, by and through his attorneys, Timothy R. Garrison, and Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc., will ask this Court to enter an order granting the motions listed below.

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MOTIONS

1 EDUARDO LEDEZMA-LARA, the accused in this case, by and through his attorneys,
2 Timothy R. Garrison, and Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc., pursuant to the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth
3 Amendments to the United States Constitution, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and all other applicable
4 statutes, case law and local rules, hereby moves this court for an order:

- 5 1) to compel discovery and preserve evidence; and
6 2) to grant leave to file further motions.

7 These motions are based upon the instant motions and notice of motions, the attached
8 statement of facts and memorandum of points and authorities, and any and all other materials that may come
9 to this Court's attention at the time of the hearing on these motions.

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11 Respectfully submitted,

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13 Dated: August 7, 2008

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EDUARDO LEDEZMA-LARA,)
Defendant.)
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Counsel for Defendant certifies that the foregoing pleading, is true and accurate to the best of his information and belief, and that a copy of the foregoing has been electronically served this day upon:

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10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) Case No. 08CR2108-JLS
11 Plaintiff,) DATE: August 8, 2008
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13 EDUARDO LEDEZMA-LARA,) STATEMENT OF FACTS AND
14 Defendant.) MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND
DEFENDANT'S MOTIONS

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

18 The following statement of facts is based on materials received from the government. Mr. Ledezma-
19 Lara does not accept this statement of facts as his own, and reserves the right to take a contrary position at
20 motion hearings and trial. The facts alleged in these motions are subject to amplification and/or modification
21 at the time these motions are heard.

22 Mr. Ledezma-Lara was arrested on April 23, 2008. On June 25, 2008, the government filed a two
23 count indictment charging a violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1326 and 18 U.S.C. § 1544.

These motions follow.

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1 **II.**2 **MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY/PRESERVE EVIDENCE**

3 (1) The Defendant's Statements. The government must disclose to the defendant all copies of
 4 any written or recorded statements made by the defendant; the substance of any statements made by the
 5 defendant which the government intends to offer in evidence at trial -- either in its case-in-chief or in rebuttal;
 6 *see Fed. R. Crim. P. 16*, any response by the defendant to interrogation; the substance of any oral statements
 7 which the government intends to introduce at trial and any written summaries of the defendant's oral
 8 statements contained in the handwritten notes of the government agent; any response to any *Miranda* warnings
 9 which may have been given to the defendant; as well as any other statements by the defendant. *Fed. R. Crim.*
 10 *P. 16(a)(1)(A)*¹. The Advisory Committee Notes and the 1991 Amendments to Rule 16 make clear that the
 11 Government must reveal all the defendant's statements, whether oral or written, regardless of whether the
 12 government intends to make any use of those statements. Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16 is designed
 13 "to protect the defendant's rights to a fair trial." *United States v. Rodriguez*, 799 F.2d 649 (11th Cir. 1986);
 14 *see also United States v. Noe*, 821 F.2d 604, 607 (11th Cir. 1987) (reversing conviction for failure to provide
 15 statements offered in rebuttal -- government's failure to disclose statements made by the defendant is a serious
 16 detriment to preparing trial and defending against criminal charges).

17 (2) Arrest Reports and Notes. The defendant also specifically requests that the government turn
 18 over all arrest reports, notes and TECS records not already produced that relate to the circumstances
 19 surrounding his arrest or any questioning. This request includes, but is not limited to, any rough notes,
 20 records, reports, transcripts, referral slips, or other documents in which statements of the defendant or any
 21 other discoverable material is contained. Such material is discoverable under *Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(A)*
 22 and *Brady v. Maryland*. The government must produce arrest reports, investigators' notes, memos from
 23 arresting officers, sworn statements, and prosecution reports pertaining to the defendant. *See Fed. R. Crim.*
 24 *P. 16(a)(1)(B) and (C), 26.2 and 12(I); United States v. Harris*, 543 F.2d 1247, 1253 (9th Cir. 1976) (original
 25 notes with suspect or witness must be preserved); *see also United States v. Anderson*, 813 F.2d 1450, 1458
 26 (9th Cir. 1987) (reaffirming *Harris*' holding).

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 28 ¹ Of course, any of Mr. Ledezma-Lara's statements, which are exculpatory, must be
 produced, as well. *See Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963).

1 (3) Brady Material. The defendant requests all documents, statements, agents' reports, and
 2 tangible evidence favorable to the defendant on the issue of guilt and/or which affects the credibility of the
 3 government's case. *Kyles v. Whitley*, 514 U.S. 419 (1995). Under *Brady*, *Kyles* and their progeny,
 4 impeachment, as well as exculpatory evidence, falls within the definition of evidence favorable to the accused.
 5 See also *United States v. Bagley*, 473 U.S. 667 (1985); *United States v. Agurs*, 427 U.S. 97 (1976). This
 6 includes information obtained from other investigations which exculpates Mr. Ledezma-Lara.

7 (4) Any Information That May Result in a Lower Sentence Under The Guidelines. The
 8 government must also produce this information under *Brady v. Maryland*. This request includes any
 9 cooperation or attempted cooperation by the defendant, as well as any information, including that obtained
 10 from other investigations or debriefings, that could affect any base offense level or specific offense
 11 characteristic under Chapter Two of the Guidelines. The defendant also requests any information relevant
 12 to a Chapter Three adjustment, a determination of the defendant's criminal history, and information relevant
 13 to any other application of the Guidelines.

14 (5) The Defendant's Prior Record. The defendant requests disclosure of his prior record.
 15 Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(B).

16 (6) Any Proposed 404(b) Evidence. The government must produce evidence of prior similar acts
 17 under Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(C) and Fed. R. Evid. 404(b) and 609. In addition, "upon request of the
 18 accused, the prosecution . . . shall provide reasonable notice in advance of trial . . . of the general nature" of
 19 any evidence the government proposes to introduce under Fed. R. Evid. 404(b) at trial and the purpose for
 20 which introduction is sought. This applies not only to evidence which the government may seek to introduce
 21 in its case-in-chief, but also to evidence which the government may use as rebuttal. See *United States v. Vega*,
 22 188 F.3d 1150 (9th Cir. 1999). The defendant is entitled to "reasonable notice" so as to "reduce surprise,"
 23 preclude "trial by ambush" and prevent the "possibility of prejudice." *Id.*; *United States v. Perez-Tosta*, 36
 24 F.3d 1552, 1560-61 (11th Cir. 1994). Mr. Ledezma-Lara requests such reasonable notice at least two weeks
 25 before trial so as to adequately investigate and prepare for trial.

26 (7) Evidence Seized. The defendant requests production of evidence seized as a result of any
 27 search, either warrantless or with a warrant. Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(E).

1 (8) Request for Preservation of Evidence. The defendant specifically requests the preservation
 2 of any and all physical evidence that may be destroyed, lost, or otherwise put out of the possession, custody,
 3 or care of the government and which relates to the arrest or the events leading to the arrest in this case. This
 4 request includes, but is not limited to, the results of any fingerprint analysis, the defendant's personal effects,
 5 and any evidence seized from the defendant or any third party in relation to this case.

6 (9) Henthorn Material. Mr. Ledezma-Lara requests that the Assistant United States Attorney
 7 assigned to this case oversee a review of all personnel files of each agent involved in the present case for
 8 impeachment material. *Kyles*, 514 U.S. at 419; *United States v. Henthorn*, 931 F.2d 29 (9th Cir. 1991);
 9 *United States v. Lacy*, 896 F. Supp. 982 (N.D. Ca. 1995). At a minimum, the prosecutor has the obligation
 10 to inquire of his agents in order to ascertain whether or not evidence relevant to veracity or other impeachment
 11 exists.

12 (10) Tangible Objects. The defendant requests the opportunity to inspect and copy, as well as test,
 13 if necessary, all other documents and tangible objects, including photographs, books, papers, documents,
 14 fingerprint analyses, vehicles, or copies of portions thereof, which are material to the defense or intended for
 15 use in the government's case-in-chief or were obtained from or belong to the defendant. Fed. R. Crim.
 16 P. 16(a)(1)(E). Specifically, to the extent they were not already produced, the defendant requests copies of
 17 all photographs in the government's possession, including, but not limited to, the defendant and any other
 18 photos taken in connection with this case.

19 (11) Expert Witnesses. The defendant requests the name, qualifications, and a written summary
 20 of the testimony of any person that the government intends to call as an expert witness during its case in chief.
 21 Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(G). The defense requests that notice of expert testimony be provided at a minimum
 22 of two weeks prior to trial so that the defense can properly prepare to address and respond to this testimony,
 23 including obtaining its own expert and/or investigating the opinions and credentials of the government's
 24 expert. The defense also requests a hearing in advance of trial to determine the admissibility of qualifications
 25 of any expert. *See Kumho v. Carmichael Tire Co.* 119 S. Ct. 1167, 1176 (1999) (trial judge is "gatekeeper"
 26 and must determine reliability and relevancy of expert testimony and such determinations may require "special
 27 briefing or other proceedings . . .").

1 (12) Evidence of Bias or Motive to Lie. The defendant requests any evidence that any prospective
 2 government witness is biased or prejudiced against the defendant, or has a motive to falsify or distort his or
 3 her testimony.

4 (13) Impeachment Evidence. The defendant requests any evidence that any prospective
 5 government witness has engaged in any criminal act whether or not resulting in a conviction and whether any
 6 witness has made a statement favorable to the defendant. *See Fed. R. Evid. 608, 609 and 613; Brady v.*
7 Maryland.

8 (14) Evidence of Criminal Investigation of Any Government Witness. The defendant requests
 9 any evidence that any prospective witness is under investigation by federal, state or local authorities for any
 10 criminal conduct.

11 (15) Evidence Affecting Perception, Recollection, Ability to Communicate, or Truth Telling. The
 12 defense requests any evidence, including any medical or psychiatric report or evaluation, that tends to show
 13 that any prospective witness' ability to perceive, remember, communicate, or tell the truth is impaired, and
 14 any evidence that a witness has ever used narcotics or other controlled substance, or has ever been an
 15 alcoholic.

16 (16) Jencks Act Material. The defendant requests production in advance of trial of all material,
 17 including any tapes, which the government must produce pursuant to the Jencks Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3500;
 18 Fed. R. Crim. P. 26.2. Advance production will avoid the possibility of delay at the request of the defendant
 19 to investigate the Jencks material. A verbal acknowledgment that "rough" notes constitute an accurate account
 20 of the witness' interview is sufficient for the report or notes to qualify as a statement under section 3500(e)(1).
 21 *Campbell v. United States*, 373 U.S. 487, 490-92 (1963); *see also United States v. Boshell*, 952 F.2d 1101 (9th
 22 Cir. 1991) (holding that, where an agent goes over interview notes with subject, interview notes are subject
 23 to Jencks Act).

24 (17) Giglio Information. Pursuant to *Giglio v. United States*, 405 U.S. 150 (1972), the defendant
 25 requests all statements and/or promises, express or implied, made to any government witnesses, in exchange
 26 for their testimony in this case, and all other information which could arguably be used for the impeachment
 27 of any government witnesses.

1 (18) Agreements Between the Government and Witnesses. In this case, the defendant requests
 2 identification of any cooperating witnesses who have committed crimes, but were not charged, so that they
 3 may testify for the government in this case. The defendant also requests discovery regarding any express or
 4 implicit promise; understanding; offer of immunity; past, present, or future compensation; or any other kind
 5 of agreement or understanding, including any implicit understanding relating to criminal or civil income tax,
 6 forfeiture or fine liability between any prospective government witness and the government (federal, state
 7 and/or local). This request also includes any discussion with a potential witness about, or advice concerning,
 8 any contemplated prosecution, or any possible plea bargain, even if no bargain was made, or the advice not
 9 followed.

10 Pursuant to *United States v. Sudikoff*, 36 F.Supp.2d 1196 (C.D. Cal. 1999), the defense requests all
 11 statements made, either personally or through counsel, at any time, which relate to the witnesses' statements
 12 regarding this case, any promises -- implied or express -- regarding punishment/prosecution or detention of
 13 these witnesses, any agreement sought, bargained for or requested, on the part of the witness at any time.

14 (19) Informants and Cooperating Witnesses. To the extent that there was any informant, or any
 15 other tip leading to a TECS hit in this case, the defendant requests disclosure of the names and addresses of
 16 all informants or cooperating witnesses used, or to be used, in this case, and in particular, disclosure of any
 17 informant who was a percipient witness in this case or otherwise participated in the crime charged against
 18 Mr. Ledezma-Lara. The government must disclose the informant's identity and location, as well as the
 19 existence of any other percipient witness unknown or unknowable to the defense. *Roviaro v. United States*,
 20 353 U.S. 53, 61-62 (1957). The government must disclose any information derived from informants which
 21 exculpates or tends to exculpate the defendant.

22 (20) Bias by Informants or Cooperating Witnesses. The defendant requests disclosure of any
 23 information indicating bias on the part of any informant or cooperating witness. *Giglio v. United States*. Such
 24 information would include what, if any, inducements, favors, payments or threats were made to the witness
 25 to secure cooperation with the authorities.

26 (21) Inspection and Copying of A-File. Mr. Ledezma-Lara requests that this Court order the
 27 government to make all A-Files relevant to Mr. Ledezma-Lara available for inspection and copying.

1 (22) Residual Request. Mr. Ledezma-Lara intends, by this discovery motion, to invoke his rights
2 to discovery to the fullest extent possible under the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and the Constitution
3 and laws of the United States. Mr. Ledezma-Lara requests that the government provide his attorney with the
4 above-requested material sufficiently in advance of trial to avoid unnecessary delay prior to cross-
5 examination.

III.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE FURTHER MOTIONS

8 Mr. Ledezma-Lara and defense counsel have received limited discovery in this case. Specifically,
9 **after viewing the a-file, Mr. Ledezma-Lara will be filing a motion attacking the validity of his alleged**
10 **deportation.** Additionally, as new information surfaces due to the government providing discovery in
11 response to these motions, or an order of this Court, defense may find it necessary to file further motions, or
12 to supplement existing motions with additional facts. The denial of this motion will result in a violation, at
13 a minimum, of Mr. Ledezma-Lara's Fifth and Sixth Amendment rights. Therefore, defense counsel requests
14 the opportunity to file further motions based upon information gained from discovery.

Respectfully submitted,

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